

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Carlos M. Ramirez was born in El Paso; and

Whereas, Carlos M. Ramirez earned both undergraduate and graduate civil engineering degrees from the University of Texas at El Paso, obtained his professional engineer certification, was President of the El Paso Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers and was elected to the Tau Beta Pi National Honorary Engineering Society and the Chi Epsilon National Honorary Civil Engineering Society, and

Whereas, Carlos M. Ramirez was the 47th Mayor of the City of El Paso, serving from 1997 to 2001; and

Whereas, the City of El Paso through its water utility (EPWU) plans to build the world's largest inland desalination plant on leased Army property at Fort Bliss Texas; and

Whereas, the project to build the inland desalination plant was incubated during Carlos M. Ramirez' tenure as Mayor of El Paso; and

Whereas, at a capital cost of \$67 million, the plant will produce 27.5 million gallons a day of potable water by blending desalinated water with additional brackish water; and

Whereas, desalination will allow El Paso and Fort Bliss to hold fresh water wells in reserve for drought protection and emergencies, and

Whereas, in 2001, Carlos M. Ramirez was appointed Commissioner of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (IBWC), by the President of the United States of America,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor and Council of the City of El Paso recommend to the Public Service Board of the El Paso Water Utilities that the new desalination plant should be named in honor of Carlos M. Ramirez.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2004.

CITY OF EL PASO

JOE WARDY
Mayor

ATTEST:

RICHARDA DUFFY MOMSEN
City Clerk

JOHN COOK
City Representative, District IV

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deputy City Attorney